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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 23, 1998, said period of response being extended from December 23, 1998 to February 23, 1998.

Our check in the amount of \$380 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

Avi J. Ashkenazi et al.,

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